

## Mount Tamar Provider Access Policy

### Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

### Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8 to 13 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point;
- to hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships through options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11).

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- share information about both the provider and the approved technical education qualification and apprenticeships that the provider offer
- explain what career routes those options could lead to



- provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider (including the opportunity to meet staff and pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

### Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the *Making it meaningful checklist.* 

Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

### **Previous providers**

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

• [stats on providers]

### **Destinations of our pupils**

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- Discovery College
- Eat that Frog CIC
- City College Plymouth
- Apprenticeship in construction

# Management of provider access requests Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mandy Turner Careers Lead Phone 01752 365128 email <u>m\_turner@mounttamar.org.uk</u>

## **Opportunities for access**

The school offers the six provider encounters required by **law** and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer



providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers.

Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Parents Open evening induction to careers	Open events	Themed careers assemblies
Year 8	Employer event for pupils, parents – market stall event giving overview of local, regional and national opportunities and skills requirement Technical/vocation al tasters at local college/s, training providers	Employer events for pupils, parents/carers - markstall events giving overview of local, regional and national opportunities and skills requirements	Taster sessions in school based around vocational and technician skills
Year 9	Meeting Careers Adviser	KS4 Options Local labour market information on social media & school website	Open evening - Introduction to online resources for career options
Year 10	Post 16 educational options assembly Life skills - work experience preparations sessions	Vocational tasters at local training providers & colleges if appropriate	Vocational tasters at local training providers & colleges if appropriate
Year 11	Post 16 provider	Post 16 Interviews	Confirmation of



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open evenings/Visits to post 16 providers	Post 16 education & training for all pupils
Post 16 apprenticeships visits from providers Post 16 applications	
Meetings with careers adviser Post 16 applications	

### Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader or a member of their team.

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Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all pupils at lunch and break times.

### **Complaints:**

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

#### Approval and review



Approved [date] by Governors at Curriculum and Standards Committee

Next review: [date]

Signed: [name] Chair of Governors

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